

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ONTONAGON COUNTY R.E.A.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WAS HELD AT 500 JAMES K PAUL STREET
ONTONAGON MICHIGAN

Minutes

March 20, 2026 9:30 A.M.

1) Opening

- Call regular meeting to order – Gaunt at 9:30am.
- Roll Call – Myhren, P. Koski, Gaunt, C. Koski, Lehto in person. Hodges, Gasperich, Attorney Pat Greeley, and Consultant Tom Sobeck via Teams. Staff present in person, CEO Dallas Aho, Operations Manager Justin Sironen, and Administrative Assistant Kelsey Preiss.
- Members present – Mel Haskell.
- Member Comment Session – Mel Haskell touched upon various matters about the running of the Ontonagon REA.

2) Reports

- Operations Report
- CEO Report – CEO Aho noted that there will tentatively be a Special Meeting to discuss a rate increase on the same day as the May Regular Board Meeting.
- Financial Report
 - i) Financial Statements for period ended 01/31/2026
 - ii) PSCR Over/under Collection for period ended 02/28/2026
 - iii) List of Bills – February 2026

M/S to approve the reports and bills as presented – P. Koski/Myhren. All in favor, motion passed.

3) Action Items

- a) Approval of the Agenda

M/S to approve the March 20th Agenda – Lehto/Myhren. All in favor, motion passed.

- b) Approve Minutes of the February 20th, Regular Board Meeting

M/S to approve the February 20th Regular Board Meeting Minutes – C. Koski/Lehto. All in favor, motion passed.

- c) Special Equipment Summary for period ended 1/31/2025 – 12/31/2025 in the amount of \$524,186.17
- d) RUS Form 219, Inventory of Work Orders in the amount of \$389,326.69 for period ended 10/31/2025
- e) RUS Form 219, Inventory of Work Orders in the amount of \$143,140.57 for period ended 11/31/2025
- f) RUS Form 219, Inventory of Work Orders in the amount of \$267,656.15 for period ended 12/31/2025
- g) RUS Form 219, Inventory of Work Orders in the amount of \$-7,120.00 for period ended 1/31/2026
- h) Special Equipment Summary for period ended 1/31/2026 in the amount of \$-4,078.03

M/S to accept the Special Equipment Summary's for period end 1/31/2025-12/31/2025 and period end 01/31/2026 along with RUS Form 219's for periods ending 10/31/2025, 11/31/2025, 12/31/2025 and 01/31/2026 – Gasperich/Hodges. All in favor, motion passed.

4) Business — Old/New/Other

- a) Boston District and Ewen/Trout Creek/Lake Mine districts up for election in 2026
- b) Annual Meeting preparation and discussion

M/S to set the date of the 2026 Annual meeting, meeting will be held June 27th, 2026 – Hodges/Lehto. All in favor, motion passed.

- c) WECA Director Webinar Series — Director training webinars
- d) Ontonagon County REA — Information Request Form – CEO Aho and Attorney Greeley will review.
- e) Ewen-Trout Creek School District – A letter was brought to the board by Mike Urbis on behalf of the Ewen Trout Creek School District regarding a 20% discount on their power bill. The letter is being reviewed by the board.

5) Around the Table Discussion – Hodges and Gasperich noted their appreciation to the staff and the positive direction that the board is going.

6) Attorney Report

7) Executive Session – Entered Executive Session at 11:40am and came out at 11:43am.

8) Next Meeting Date: April 17, 2026

9) Adjournment

M/S to adjourn at 11:43am – Myhren/Lehto. All in favor, motion passed.

Michael Gaunt, President

Mildred Ann Gasperich, Secretary

We the undersigned Directors of the Ontonagon County Rural Electrification Association do hereby confirm, approve and ratify in all respects the above minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 20th 2026.







